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1. BELGIAN SECOND SECRETARY (PRESS-POLITICAL) NIEUWENHUYS CALLED ON HA/ORM TO ASK ABOUT RECENT PRESS REPORT THAT ADMINISTRATION AND CONGRESS DIVIDED ABOUT FUTURE POLICY TOWARD INDOCHINESE REFUGEES. ORM OFFICER BRIEFED HIM ON PAST PROGRAMS AND CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE ONES. ORM OFFICER ALSO TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS HOPE THAT BELGIUM WOULD IN FUTURE ACCEPT MORE INDOCHINESE, PARTICULARLY BOAT REFUGEES, AND CONTRIBUTE ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO UNHER TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO REFUGEES IN CAMPS IN SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES OF TEMPORARY ASYLUM. NIEUWENHUYS ASKED WHETHER WE HAD MADE THIS APPROACH IN BRUSSELS, AND ORM OFFICER ENCOURAGED HIM TO REPORT OUR VIEWS TO HIS GOVERNMENT. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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2. REQUEST EMBASSY FOLLOWUP BY MAKING SIMILAR APPROACH AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL. FYI, WE HAVE NOT SEEN RESPONSE TO OUR PREVIOUS INSTRUCTIONS IN REFTEL TO MAKE AN APPROACH AND REPORT REACTION REGARDING INDOCHINESE REFUGEE PROBLEM. VANCE

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